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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's indication that the application is in condition for allowance except for

formal matters is very much appreciated. Applicant has amended the specification to include the

serial number and filing date of the related application as required by the Examiner.

Concurrent with this Amendment, Applicant submits an Information Disclosure

Statement and Request for Continued Examination. The Examiner is requested to initial the

Form PTO/SB/08a and return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned that the

references have been considered and made of record.

Having responded to all objections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, it is

submitted that claims 1-4 and 7 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is

respectfully solicited. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or

personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is respectfully

requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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